

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant	:	Takayuki Kihara		
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Title	:	AUTOMATIC ANALYSIS APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING AN ANALYSIS UNIT		
Docket No.	:	NGB-15410		
Customer No.	:	040854		

AMENDMENT "A"

(In response to Paper No./Mail Date 20060929)

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated October 10, 2006. The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on January 10, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.